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1. DOMEI POLITICAL DIRECTOR OGAWA AND SOHYO HEADQUARTERS STAFFER ARAI, COORDINATORS OF APPROXIMATELY 470 MEMBER JAPANESE NGO OBSERVER DELEGATION TO UN SPECIAL SESSION ON DISARMAMENT (UNSSOD), CONFIRMED TO LABATT APRIL 10 THAT SOHYO SECGEN MITSUO TOMIZUKA, DOMEI VICE PRESIDENT HIDEMASA FUKUI, CHURITSU ROREN VICE PRESIDENT KAZUO SADATOMO AND SHINSANBETSU SECGEN HIROTAKA TOMITA WILL BE IN NEW YORK MAY 23 - 30 AND WOULD LIKE TO VISIT WASHINGTON MAY 31 AND JUNE 1 FOR JOINT CALL ON AFL-CIO PRESIDENT MEANY, MEETING WITH ACDA DIRECTOR WARNKE OR ONE OF HIS DEPUTIES AND DISCUSSIONS WITH CONGRESSMEN INTERESTED IN BILATERAL ECONOMIC PROBLEMS, DELEGATION MUST DEPART FOR LOS ANGELES JUNE 2. BECAUSE UNION LEADERS CONSIDER APPOINTMENTS WITH AFL-CIO AND ACDA SO IMPORTANT TO THEM, IF MAY 31 OR JUNE 1 NOT CONVENIENT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TO AFL-CIO AND ACDA, DELEGATION WILLING TO INTERRUPT NEW YORK STAY FOR ONE-DAY VISIT TO WASHINGTON ANYTIME BETWEEN MAY 25 AND MAY 30.

2. WITH RESPECT TO CALL ON AFL-CIO, OGAWA SAID THAT SECGEN MAEKAWA SERIOUSLY CONSIDERING POSSIBILITY OF FLYING DIRECTLY TO WASHINGTON TO BE PRESENT WHEN OTHERS MEET

PRESIDENT MEANY. IF HE DOES SO, MAEKAWA WOULD ALSO LIKE SEPARATE PRIVATE MEETING WITH MEANY OR SEC TREASURER KIRKLAND. ARAI, OGAWA AND A COUPLE OF OTHER UNION STAFF PERSONNEL WILL ACCOMPANY PRINCIPALS ON CALL. ARAI AND OGAWA ASSURED LABATT THAT, IN DEFERENCE TO AFL-CIO'S LONG-STANDING POLICY OF NOT RECEIVING COMMUNISTS, THEY WOULD MAKE SURE THAT NO JAPAN COMMUNIST PARTY MEMBERS ARE IN GROUP CALLING AT AFL-CIO HEADQUARTERS. (FYI - THERE WILL UNDOUBTEDLY BE SOME JCP ACTIVISTS IN NGO DELEGATION.)

- 3. REQUEST FOR CALL ON ACDA DIRECTOR WARNKE REFLECTS GREAT SATISFACTION ON PART OF ARAI AND OGAWA WITH THEIR ACDA BRIEFING IN MID-MARCH. OGAWA SAID THAT BECAUSE MEETING HAD SERVED TO CLARIFY MANY OF THEIR PREVIOUS MISCONCEPTIONS ABOUT US POLICY IN DISARMAMENT FIELD, HE AND ARAI WISHED TO EXPOSE LARGE NUMBER OF JAPANESE NGO DELEGATIONS TO FURTHER ELABORATION OF USG VIEWS.
- 4. BOTH ARAI AND OGAWA HAVE HINTED THAT THEIR PRINCIPALS (TOMIZUKA AND MAEKAWA) MAY REQUEST "GOOD OFFICES" OF JAPANESE FOREIGN MINISTRY AND AFL-CIO PRESIDENT MEANY IN ARRANGING FOR COURTESY CALL BY 4 TOP LABOR LEADERS ON VICE PRESIDENT MONDALE. THEY, HOWEVER, DID NOT SPECIFICALLY REQUEST EMBASSY ASSISTANCE AT THIS TIME.
- 5. OGAWA ALSO DID NOT REQUEST USG ASSISTANCE IN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CONGRESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS, APPARENTLY PREFERRING FOR TIME BEING TO WORK THROUGH JAPAN CENTER FOR INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE DIRECTOR TADASHI YAMAMOTO.

6. ACTION REQUESTED: DEPARTMENT'S ASSISTANCE IN ARRANGING APPOINTMENTS (INCLUDING INTERPRETER) AT AFL-CIO AND ACDA. MANSFIELD

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